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Masses  
 Saturday 5:15 PM  
 Sunday 9:30 AM  
 Fr. J.J. Mech - Pastor  
 Fr. Gregory Deters – Associate Pastor

Sunday	December	6	Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 Mass for Marian and Howard Shirkey, requested by their family; Rosary benefactors; Our Leaders; World Peace Ministers: Ann Murphy, Denise Hytower
Monday	December	7	St. Ambrose
Tuesday	December	8	Immaculate Conception of Mary 12:00 noon Mass for our country
Wednesday	December	9	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Thursday	December	10	
Friday	December	11	St. Damasus
Saturday	December	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:15 Mass in honor of the 1981 marriage of Laura Wilbert Griffin, requested by Gretchen Wilbert; the Lindorfer Family; and for names and intentions on the Rosary Prayer List
Sunday	December	13	Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 Mass for Marian and Howard Shirkey, requested by their family; World Peace Ministers: Brenda West, Lana Douglas-Hardin

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Zephaniah 3: 14 – 18a  
 Philippians 4: 4 – 7  
 Luke 3: 10 – 18

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

***Please Remember These Friends in Prayer***

Catherine Speirs	Patrick Sievc	Nicole Arvanitis	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
Barnes Family	Ken Jenkins	The Kolmetz Family	Julie, Ron & Marty Morin
Alma Bojanic	Kay and Jim Morhard	Susan Amman	Lauren Reagan
Daniella McClendon	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Brenda Lumpkin	Taylor Wright	Fred Kammerer
Marie Therese Lucien	Burma Gilchrist	Cynthia Davis	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Natalie
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	Javan Kienzle	SaraWillis
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Gene Hill	Pat Bartkowski
Susanto Suprpto	Rita Bowers	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Louise Adams	Lyle and Janet Dolin	Cindy LaGosh	Mr. Simmons
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Brian Stump	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Rev. James Meyer	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Joanie Stanesic
Marjorie Perdue	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Mrs. Zaciek	Grandma K.	Chris & Michael Shea	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	Ernestine Stephens
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Greg Varano	Vocations	Eliisa Bojanic	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Pat Roberts
Donna Asmar	Michaela Norman & Nate	Phyliss Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Ann Morey Franklin
Lucille Sobocinski	Ray McConnell	Monique Glaspie	The Jackson Family
Owen Patrick Strunk	Clarence Mayes	Honey, Tom & Zachary	Bobbie, Ann, Donna
JoAnn Koch	Tory Murray	The Mullin Family	Debbie Schaefer
Barbara Foley	Bob Delbeke	Mary Martin	Angelina Roberts
Shannon Barnes	Dr P	Bob Delbeke	Allan Krupp
Rosa Maria Santos	Luchrisha Drake	Micaela Norman	Eleanor Fuchs
Gloria Virgo	Eileen Marie Finn	Ann Sadge	Ida Bailey

***PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST***

Sgt. Muddy Peha Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon  
Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens  
Tonya Gray Gary Didilus

## **FINANCES**

Last weekend we received 54 envelopes. The Offertory Collection totaled \$1,914.

## **DETROIT CATHOLIC PASTORAL ALLIANCE**

50/50 Raffle tickets are available. See Samantha or Norbert. The drawing will be December 16 at Christ the King Parish.

christmas music

Nest Sunday, there will be an Ecumenical Christmas Sing Along featuring the Motor City Brass Quintet at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral at 3 PM .A free-will offering will be taken.

## ***HOLYDAY DECEMBER 8***

Tuesday, December 8 is a holyday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. There will be one Mass here at Rosary at noon. Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the Patroness of the United States. Could our country need some extra prayers for God's help these days??? Make attendance at Mass that day part of your Advent preparation. Let's ask Mary to intercede for all of us.

## ***COLLECTION FOR THE RETIRED RELIGIOUS***

Traditionally, just before Christmas, we take up a collection for the retired religious—sisters, brothers and priests of religious orders. What a great time to remember the religious who have touched our lives as teachers, medical workers, pastoral assistants, missionaries. So many of these religious have virtually no income now that they are retired. For years they were not even eligible for Social Security. As the number of retired religious increases, religious orders are straining to provide medical care, room and board and other expenses. Take an envelope this week and think about how your life has changed because of religious men and women. Place your donation in the envelope and make this your Christmas card of thanksgiving.

## **ADVENT AT ROSARY**

A few ideas to make your Advent more meaningful:

- We have the Advent book from the Diocese of Saginaw. Five minutes of reading and prayer each day will help us focus on the season.
- We have a list of food items needed for the Christmas baskets. Bring your items to church the next two weeks.
- We are still collecting clean blankets. The ones you have brought in already are warming many of our neighbors.

- Don't forget our cookie exchange December 13. There is a sign up sheet for those who want to participate. Another Christmas experience!
- Block out December 19 and 20 on your calendar and be here to help us pack and distribute food boxes.

Christmas shopping? Check with family and friends about making a donation to Rosary their Christmas present this year. They might want to do the same for you?

## *Tottings from Fr. J.J.*

**A VOICE IS CRYING OUT!** To ready ourselves for Christmas, we should utilize the sacrament of reconciliation. This can be tough for many: admitting our faults, sharing them, and struggling to forgive ourselves. But, as John the Baptist proclaims forgiveness in our Gospel this weekend, we face an often greater challenge: To put it bluntly, it is tough to forgive others for the wrongs done to us. But do not forget, forgiveness is a possibility. There are many misconceptions regarding forgiveness. Let's make something clear: forgiveness does not mean that we condone hurtful behavior. Nor does it mean that our pain doesn't matter. It doesn't mean that once we extend it, everything is magically "okay". It doesn't mean that we should allow ill will toward us to continue. It doesn't mean that we stay in an abusive or harmful situation, nor does it mean that a just resolution to our situation is unnecessary. Do not think either that it means that we always "*feel*" forgiveness. Forgive and "forget"? Yeah, right!

So, if forgiveness is not any of the above, what *is* it? Forgiveness is a free-will action, prompted by God's grace, which sets us free from the consequences of sin. Forgiveness is a liberating, grace-filled decision and it most frequently takes place over time. C. S. Lewis, the great Christian apologist, wrote, "*We find that the work of forgiveness has to be done over and over again.*" Psychologists have helped to identify the steps in the process of forgiveness. Basically, they all agree on certain fundamental actions:

First, admit the anger. For various reasons, many people do not admit they are angry. They do not want to lose power. As long as this anger remains below the surface, it exerts a power that is difficult to control. Admitting it exists is the first way to loosen its hold. Second, identify or name the emotions or hurt involved. Ask the questions, "What did I lose?" or "What negative effect has the offense caused?" The answers to these questions point the direction to

healing and help identify what needs to be resolved. Is it a loss of fidelity, the negative effect of rejection, a loss of good name? Third, express the emotion or hurt. Write it out in a journal, talk with a friend, confessor, or spiritual director, talk to Jesus, even speak to the person who injured you, but get it out.

A real gift to give yourself so you can have a wonderful Christmas is to bring it to prayer.

Recall the person the Holy Spirit brought to your mind whom you need to forgive. Dismiss the misconceptions regarding forgiveness listed above, apply the first three actions in the process of forgiveness. Discuss with Christ any insights, inspirations, understandings you may gain as you prayerfully consider them in light of the person you most need to forgive. It is helpful to begin your time of prayer by addressing the Holy Spirit asking for wisdom and offer a prayer request for Our Lady's intercession. Close your conversation with a resolution — one concrete way you will move forward — and conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His love and mercy.

In doing this, just maybe your Christmas celebration will be more joyful!  
God Bless,  
Fr. J.J.

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### Reflections on being a privileged white American in a starving world

“What exactly are you doing?” I ask myself often. Why is everything going so wrong around me? What am I here? Why do I have so much while others have so little? Why is it possible for me to walk down the street with an iPhone in my hand that costs enough (if bought in this country) to feed a family for a year, while I kneel down to give 100 pesos to the woman begging outside of my school. 100 pesos. That's \$2.25 give or take. It will feed her all day. But the food will not be nutritious. It will be rice and meat cooked in oils and fats that could and will eventually destroy her body. Fresh food after all is for the rich. But then she was never even given an opportunity to know what coronary artery disease is, or how the poison of this world will kill so many. Funny how that works: The “underprivileged” aren't even given an opportunity to learn what their lack of privilege means, to know what these

systems of power are creating; To understand the cages that we all help build. But I walk on into my tall building. In 10 minutes I will most likely complain about my professor being too boring. I will literally whine about having too much education; too much information at once. I wonder what Malala would say to me as she touches her hand to the spot in her skull where a bullet ripped through her brain as she fought a battle I cannot even begin to fathom. So I should be thankful. I should be so grateful. And I am. But what does it do? Why am I here? Why am I white? Why do I have this laptop to type on and this internet in my home; this food in my fridge and a healthy family? Why are we killing? Why are we so cruel? Why is it that I have to feel so much shame for my country, for my race, for my ancestors, for my world? Why do I spend so much time apologizing to God for the destruction? What can I do? What can I do? WHAT CAN I DO? Does God even play fair? The other day a Filipina in the elevator looked at me and told me she wished she could someday be as white as I am. My heart ached with disgust for a world that has taught her to see purity and majesty in this pale complexion.

Is love enough? Is it real? Is there hope? Can we change? How do I possibly show my face and fight battles when I am so aware of how little I know. How little I have been tried compared to so many. My privilege burns into my chest like the acid I use in my biochem class as I complain of back pain from standing too long at my lab bench. How will I ever show enough solidarity? How will I ever show people how badly I want to uproot the hate and share my life? How do I see through the white guilt? The middle class guilt? The first world guilt? The Christian guilt? When my heart breaks I cry myself to sleep at night. I preach to others not to be driven by this haze. I guess at the end of the day I'm preaching inwards.

But then, I am me. My heart beats and my brain works tirelessly to figure out this life. I stand with my brothers and sisters in the best ways I know how. I have so far to go. Can small seeds planted in conversations and posted on facebook and shown in the street take root? Only God knows. But it is the only way forward. It is all we have. The hope and prayer that the seeds will grow. That our lives will grow. That our hearts will grow. That we can somehow heal ourselves and heal one another. It has to be enough. It is all we have. The trees of life and victory will spring forth from the ashes of our burned expectations and our charred chains; freeing one another from whatever burdens we may carry or hide. I will not be perfect. I will never be able to change the privileges I have been given. But it does not mean I cannot fight. It does not mean I cannot push on, and if I have nothing to equip me but the love I know is firmly rooted inside of my soul, a love that is no different from anyone else's, a love that has no skin color, no passport color, no pocketbook...this must be enough. Enough light to ablaze and spring into action, challenging the systems that have led to all this inequity.



**So I hold on. I sit and I let myself feel the heat inside. I rest by the flames. I hope for days when they will be worn on my sleeve and in my words and can blaze through my actions. One spark at a time. I share my flames when I can. I cling to others when mine feel as though they may just burn out. One spark at a time. When we walk as one, many sparks will surely create the kind of heat that melts the firm locks with which we have all so tightly bound away our hearts.**

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## PROGRESS

In two weeks, our boiler installation has gone from



The basic structure of the boiler was installed on a new cement platform one week ago. You can see the spaces where the actual boiler elements will be installed.



In one week the boiler elements have all been installed, much of the piping for the steam has been put in place, new tubing can be seen. Still to be done: hooking up the electrical wiring, hooking up the water inlet and outlets, the pumps, and certainly a lot of other “stuff” a “bulletin photographer” would not know anything about!!!

The engineers are working very hard, but this is a BIG job. Stay tuned!!!